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1. SOVIET INTENT KEEP "PENKOVSKY PAPERS" ISSUE ALIVE IN HARSH ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN IS INDICATED BY ARTICLES IN IZVESTIYA DEC 1 ON BOBBAY BAKER CASE AND PENKOVSKY PAPERS, PLUS PRAVDA DEC 2 PIECE ON CIA AND PAPERS. NONE OF SOVIET AUTHORS NOW IN US RPT US.

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2. BOBBAY BAKER ARTICLE BY O. VASILEV IN IZVESTIYA IS MORE INSULTING TOWARD US RPT US CONGRESS THAN ANYTHING PRINTED HERE FOR SOME TIME. VASILEV STATES REPORTS OF PUBLICATION BAKER'S MEMOIRS ARE "SCARING FATHER-LAWMAKERS" OF US CAPITOL. HE REHASHES HISTORY OF BAKER CASE, ALLEGING THAT SENATORS WERE BRIBED BY CAMPAIGN

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CONTRIBUTORS AND BUSINESS LOBBYISTS, AND ASSERTS THAT HUSH-UP OF CASE BY SENATE INVESTIGATION SHOWED ONCE MORE THAT HIGHER AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE ORGAN WALLS IN QUAGMIRE OF CORRUPTION AND AMORALITY."

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3. SEPARATE IZVESTIYA PICE ON PENKOVSKY PAPERS BY K. ALESHIN IS PEGGED TO FOREIGN PRESS REJECTION OF PAPERS AS BEING ANOTHER EXAMPE OF CIA FABRICATIONS. VICTOR ZORZA, VARIOUS EUROPEAN, LEBANESE, UAR, ETC, NEWS SOURCES ARE ALL QUOTED AS BELIEVING CIA IS AUTHOR OF "FALSE, DIRTY" PAPERS. ARTICLE BECOMES PROVOCATIVE, HOWEVER, IN PARAPHRASING INDIAN MAGAZINE MAINSTREAM (MINOR NEW DELHI LEFT LEANING WEEKLY, ACCORDING INDIAN EMBASSY) THAT "PUBLICATION OF PAPERS IS TIMED TO PERIOD WHEN IN US DEMANDS ARE MADE EVER MORE PERSISTENTLY FOR CARRYING OUT NEW INEVSTIGATION OF ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY, FOR THERE EXISTS SERIOUS BASIS TO THINK THAT ASSASSIN OF KENNEDY IS (SIC) CIA AGENTS." ALTHOUGH AUTHOR IS OSTENSIBLY REPORTING FOREIGN STATEMENT, FACT THAT SUCH OFFENSIVE REMARK IS PARAPHRASED RATHER THAN QUOTED, AND IS

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PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER REVEALS WHAT SOVS WILL DO WHEN STUNG.

4. PRAVDA ARTICLE BY MAYEVSKIY DEC 2 TAKES OFF FROM PARAPHRASE OF INTRODUCTORY PARTS OF BOOK INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT AND GIVES HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF ALLEGED WORLDWIDE CIA PROVOCATIONS. US AND UK NEWSPAPER AND BOOK PUBLISHERS OF PENKOVSKY PAPERS ARE NAMED AND DESCRIBED AS "NOT OVERLY CONCERNED WITH CLEANLINESS OF THEIR PAPERS", AND USIA IS CHARGED WITH HAVING

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RECENTLY ISSUED DIRECTIVE FOR OFFICIALS TO ORGANIZE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN BASED ON PAPERS. MAYEVSKIY REPEATS ARGUMENT THAT EVEN ANTI-SOVIET NEWSPAPERS AND EXPERTS DOUBT AUTHENTICITY OF PAPERS AND SAYS THAT MRS. PENKOVSKIY DENIED THEY WERE WRITTEN BY HUSBAND. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH WARNING THAT "AMERICAN RULING CIRCLES," BY PERMITTING WIDENING OF CIA ACTIVITIES, MUST BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTIONS OF AGENCY'S SPIES AND FALSIFIERS.

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